The Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for Universalization of Elementary Education in a time bound manner by 2010. The SSA provides *inter alia,* for focused provisioning of infrastructure in Minority Concentration Districts, free text books upto class VIII, Urdu text books in Urdu medium schools, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya hostels in the Minority Concentration and Educationally Backward Blocks.

Additional admissions in IIMs and IITs

4037. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the Supreme Court's recent judgment allowing 27 per cent OBC quota for higher education, the number of additional admissions proposed to be made in various IIMs and IITs in the country for the ensuring academic year, so as to ensure that the general category students don't suffer; and

(b) the extent of additional grants proposed to be made to each of the IIMs and IITs for the ensuring academic year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Central Government proposes to increase the number of seats in Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institutes of Tecnology (IITs) by 54% in phased manner over a period of three years, to take care of the 27% reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) category (excluding creamy leyer) of students so that the number of seats excluding those reserved for the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SCs), the Scheduled Tribes (STs), Physically Handicapped (PH) and OBCs is not less than the number of such seats available for the academic session immediately preceding the academic session in which reservation for OBC category of students is implemented.

(b) The additional provision for IIMs & IITs during the financial year 2008-2009 stand at Rs. 53.00 crores and Rs. 771.00 crores respectively.

Implementation of Ganguli Committee Recommendations

†4038. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recommendations of Ganguli Committee have been implemented in order to make admission of children in nursery convenient and discrimination free;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the recommendations by the Ganguli Committee in the interest of children;

(d) whether it is a fact that some private schools are making excuses to implement these recommendations; and

(e) if so, the details of such schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Ashok Ganguly, Chairman, Central Board of Secondary Education

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.